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Dear FCC Commissioner Martin,

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In regards to the upcoming vote on relaxing of media ownership rules you must delay the June 2 vote for 60 days, open the process to public comment and demonstrate how these proposed changes in ownership limits will serve the public interest.

These proposed changes will only further limit media content by placing radio, newspapers and tv into the hands of a few already powerful corporations. The passage of the 1996 Telecommunication act has already proven disastrous for contemporary music, culture, diversity, journalism and local community access. Case in point is Clear Channel which went from 30 radio stations nationwide to 1200, with it's preprogrammed and homogenized broadcasting. Even Ted Turner has stated, "There's really five companies that control 90% of what we read, see and hear. It's not healthy."

Democracy is built on diversity of public opinion and the belief that an informed citizenry and it's views are the basis for political decision making. We need many media entities to provide the information and ideas that make democracy happen.

I believe the FCC has not been open and public in persuing this ruling. Commissioners Copps and Adelstein have acted with conscience in holding public hearings all over the country this past month. There is considerable concern and objection being voiced from the public, the entertainment industry and from Congress. To serve the public interest it is extremely important in this complex proceeding to let the public know about and comment on the changes the FCC intends to make to these critical rules.

Monopolies are dangerous and especially harmful when we are talking of the means the public gets all of it's news and information. The FCC and Congress are supposed to be guarding against this. I urge you to support diverse, competitive and broad media - not further consolidation.

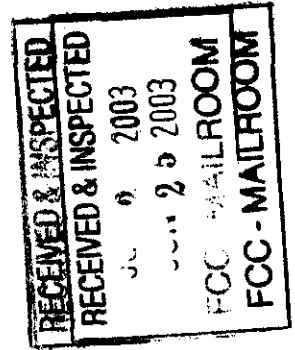
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RE: Docket No. 02-277 Don't abandon media safeguards!

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I strongly urge that the FCC abandon its plan to end long-standing and critical safeguards that have served as an important "check and balance" system to help ensure diversity of media ownership. Under the proposal you are considering, one company in a community will be able to own the newspaper, several TV and radio stations, the cable system, and the principal Internet access company. There will be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide. This will very badly damage true media diversity and competition. A competitive and diverse media is absolutely essential to ensure an informed citizenry and a healthy and vibrant democracy.

Eliminating these last remaining protections of the public trust would constitute a complete abandonment of the FCC's mission to ensure that our airwaves, which are owned by all Americans, are used in a manner which ensures the diverse range of voices and opinions needed in a healthy democracy. Loss of these protections would constitute a huge and unacceptable giveaway of public resources and political power to a few large and powerful media companies.

Further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues. Americans depend upon the media to bring us information that will allow us to make the informed choices necessary for the well-being of our nation and our future.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I urge you to reject the current proposal to abandon the last remaining controls on media consolidation. Instead, I strongly urge you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Most sincerely,

Tatjana Gleixner

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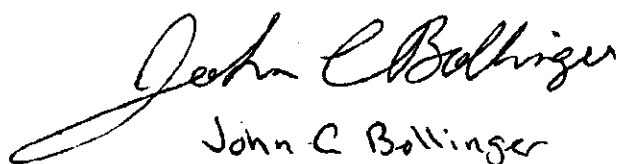
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Office of the SecretaryComment on Broadcast Ownership, Docket-02-277

Please present our few previous FCC Broadcast Ownership rules, remaining.

At least, provide time for public hearings across the whole country for comments on the proposed FCC rule changes here referred.

This point is imperative if we are to maintain some degree of democracy for our children. Free press is not one that is monopolized!

Thank-you for your courage to do what's right for our Democracy.



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Dear FCC Commissioner Kevin J. Martin,

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Media corporations cannot be trusted to balance themselves. They have shown, again and again, that they are willing to sacrifice journalism to improve the bottom line. That's why we need many media entities - to keep each other honest and to provide the information and ideas that make democracy happen.

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Monopoly power is a dangerous thing, and the FCC and Congress are supposed to guard against it. You must support a diverse, competitive media landscape.

•You must delay any ruling for 60 days during which time more public hearings will be held.

•The process of your decision-making must become transparent, with drafts made public and subject to debate.

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Sincerely,

*Vote for what the statue of liberty represents
not what the swastika represents, please.
- Ed Robertson, Tomales, CA.*

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Sincerely,

Marilyn Madrone

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Players, 3D Glasses, Slinky, The Automat, Electroshock Therapy,
Betamax, Panasonic Toot-a-loop, View Master, GE Show'N Tell, IBM
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I HOPE CONGRESS
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